

Application #09/646,640
Amendment dated December 28, 2005

Remarks:

This paper is in response to the office action dated January 31, 2006. Applicant cancels claim 14, 15 and 17. Claims 10-12, and 16 are pending in the Application.

Claim objections

Claim 16 and 17 are objected to as being identical. Claim 17 has been cancelled herein. Therefore, applicant respectfully submits that the objection is moot and should be withdrawn.

Claim Rejection under 35 USC 102

Claims 14 and 15 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102. Claims 14 and 15 have been cancelled herein. Therefore, applicant respectfully submits that the rejection is moot and should be withdrawn.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that Claims 10-12 stand allowed. Applicants have inferred that Claim 16 would also be allowed with the cancellation of Claim 17. Therefore, all now pending claims should stand allowable.

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CONCLUSION

It is submitted that all of the claims now in the application are allowable. Applicants respectfully request consideration of the application and claims and its early allowance. If the Examiner believes that the prosecution of the application would be facilitated by a telephonic interview, Applicants invite the Examiner to contact the undersigned at the number given below.

Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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